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1. The following observations were made in MAGDEBURG (M 53/Y 50)*:

a. Encke Kaserne: Occupied by a high unit headquarters and eight hundred to a thousand troops of tank and artillery units.

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b. MAGDEBURG-CRAKAU Flak Kaserne: Artillery units of 1,000 to 1,500 troops, most of whom were very young soldiers. Three 76.2-mm guns were observed in the kaserne area.

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c. Quarters on Lennestrasse: Occupied by a Guards signal unit of 100 to 120 troops, equipped with a 100 to 120-watt radio transmitter. Five 33 to 40 foot antenna masts, standing at intervals of 160 to 200 feet, and a transmitter station with extendable antenna were observed in the quartering area.

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2. a. Units of about 500 troops with more than 50 trucks returned to the MAGDEBURG-CRAKAU Flak Kaserne from maneuvers in early September 1949.** The following vehicle numbers were secured

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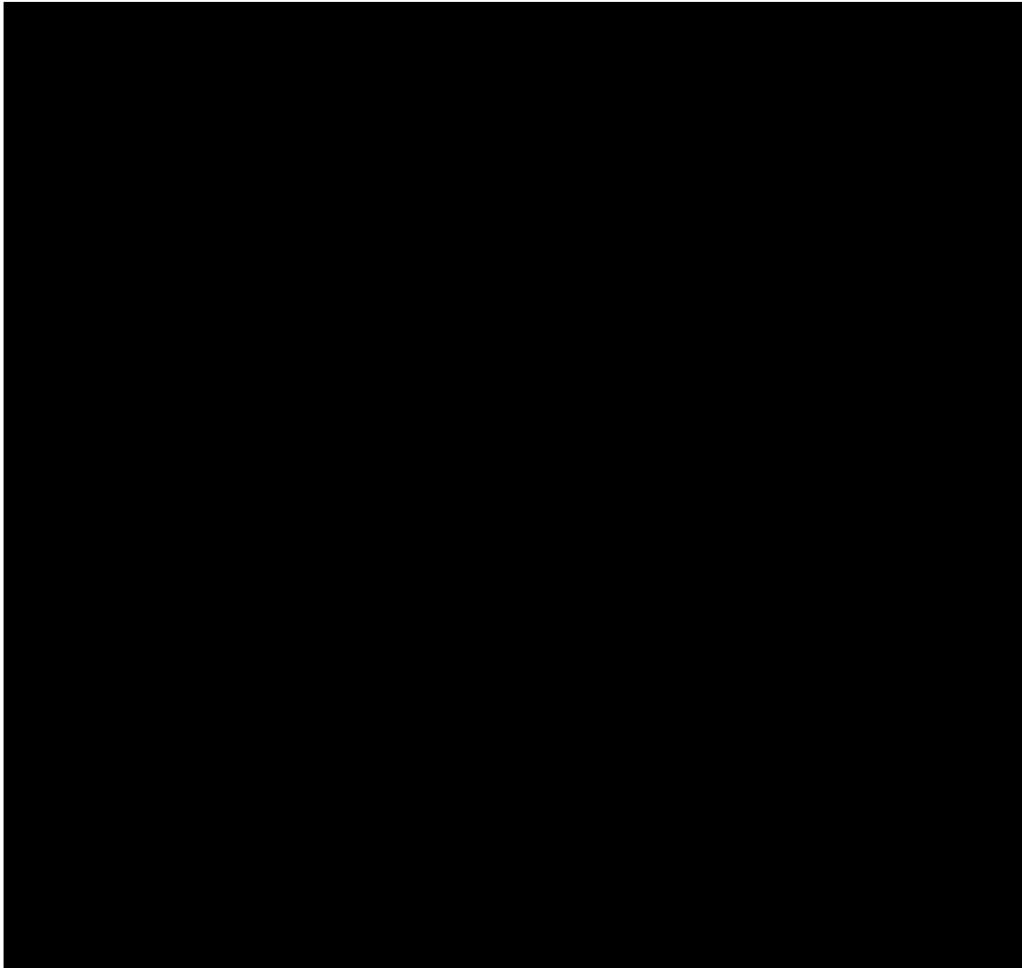
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Comment:

* The vicinity of the "Dom" Kommandatura was cordoned off by military police on 28 July 1949. About 150 to 200 large staff cars of high-ranking officers were parked in the restricted area. It was said that a maneuver critique, attended by Marshal CHEKOV, was held in the kommandatura building.

** Intensive rail traffic between MAGDEBURG and the Letzling Heath was observed between 25 July and 3 August 1949. Railroadmen stated that the trains, which proceeded mostly at night, carried troops which returned to their MAGDEBURG military post from maneuvers.

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a. The report indirectly confirms the Hq of the Third Shock Army in the MAGDEBURG Encke Kaserne up to 6 August 1949.

b. According to previous information, component units of the 3rd Sds AAA Div were stationed in the former Flak Kaserne, MAGDEBURG-CRAKAU. These units have alternated in going to the Letzling Heath for summer exercises since May 1949. Anti-aircraft artillery units were observed to depart from, and to return to, MAGDEBURG. It is believed that the anti-aircraft artillery exercises were completed in early September 1949.

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c. A signal unit of the Third Shock Army is located on Lennestrassce. According to wartime records, both a 105th Sig Regt and a ? No. Indep Sig Bn were assigned to the Third Shock Army. The two units were last confirmed in 1947. A guards signal unit is unknown.

d. Several credible sources reported on the MAGLEBURG staff conference in late July 1948. The subject of the conference is believed to have been a final critique on a command post exercise in the "Burger Holz" area near BURG, conducted by elements of the Third and Fourth Gds Mezz Armies (Cadre), of antiaircraft artillery units and Soviet air force units.

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